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CHAPTER 376

H. P. 700 — L. D. 890

AN ACT Concerning Reimbursement for Health Care Services in Certified Rural Health Clinics.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

24 MRSA § 2324 is enacted to read:

§ 2324. Certified ambulatory health care center outpatient coverage

1. **Contract coverage.** Every nonprofit hospital and medical service organization which issues group and individual health care contracts providing coverage for inpatients and outpatient hospital care to residents of the State shall make available coverage for outpatient health care to subscribers with health care facilities certified by the Department of Human Services for purposes of reimbursement under the United States Rural Health Clinic Services Act, Public Law 95-210, or its successor, and with incorporated nonprofit health centers engaged in the delivery of comprehensive primary care provided the health care facility or nonprofit health center providing the care has contracted with the organization on terms and conditions which the organization deems satisfactory to its membership.

2. **Services required.** Services provided under such contract to certified rural health clinics shall include, but need not be limited to, services presently provided for under group and individual health care contracts to hospitals or groups of hospitals presently licensed under Title 22, chapter 405, or its successor. In no way shall services provided under such contracts to these health clinics be construed to require a nonprofit hospital or medical services organization to provide contract coverage for a service in a particular rural health clinic which does not meet state qualifications or criteria.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 377

H. P. 806 — L. D. 1009

AN ACT Relating to the Powers of Hospital and Medical Service Organizations.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

24 MRSA § 2301, sub-§ 7 as last repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 141, is amended to read:

7. **Administrative services.** With the prior approval of the superintendent, such corporation shall have the right to utilize its organization and facilities, **either directly or through another legal entity owned by it and similar corporations located in other states**, to perform services for the United States or the State of Maine Government or the units or agencies of either; or any charitable or nonprofit organization involved in health care.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 378

H. P. 1067 — L. D. 1348

AN ACT to Establish Standard Assessment Procedures for the Tax Laws.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA c. 5, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 398, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA c. 7, § 111 is enacted to read:

§ 111. Definitions

As used in this title, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. **Assessor.** "Assessor" means the State Tax Assessor, except that, in Part 2, Property Taxes, it means the State Tax Assessor with respect to the unorganized territory and the respective municipal assessors or chief assessors of primary assessing areas with respect to the organized areas.

2. **Notice.** "Notice" means notification served personally or mailed by certified or registered mail to the last known address of the person for whom the notification is intended.

If the State Tax Assessor attempts to give notice by certified or registered mail and the mailing is returned by the United States Postal Service with the notation "unclaimed" or "refused", he may then give notice, for purposes of this Title, by sending the notification by first-class mail to the person for whom the notification is intended at the address used on the returned certified or registered mail. Notice given in this manner shall be deemed to be received 3 days after the first-class mailing.